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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN RELATIONS WITH HANOI AND SAIGON

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1. GOM FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED STATEMENT JUL 29 THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH PRG TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. THIS AGREEMENT RETROACTIVE TO JUL 4, 1975, BUT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN EXCHANGED. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, DEPUTY MINISTER IN PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT TOLD PARLIAMENT JUL 25 THAT GOM HAS OFFERED TO HELP PRG AND GRUNK IN RECONSTRUCTION, BUT NO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THEM TO DATE. OFFER OF ASSISTANCE, DEPUTY MINISTER SAID, "WAS GESTURE OF GOOD WILL AND FRIENDSHIP."

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2. MFA PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR INDOCHINA (HASMY AGAM) TOLD US JUL 30 THAT GOM INTENDS TO REOPEN EMBASSY IN SAIGON "AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE." FORMER MALAYSIAN CHARGE IN SAIGON, ABDUL KADIR, HAS BEEN REASSIGNED TO EUROPE, SO SAIGON EMBASSY WILL BE MANNED BY "NEW TEAM" OF OFFICIALS. HASMY ADDED THAT COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WOULD NOT IN GOM'S VIEW MEAN THAT AMBASSADOR WILL INITIALLY BE SENT TO SAIGON.

3. ON RELATIONS WITH HANOI, HASMY CONFIRMED THAT YUSOF HITAM, PRESENTLY MFA UNDERSECRETARY COVERING SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR TO DRV. GOM HOPES YUSOF WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE UP POST IN HANOI BEFORE DECEMBER BUT THIS IS CONTINGENT UPON OBTAINING SUITABLE OFFICE SPACE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS THERE. ALSO, HASMY IS STILL SLATED TO OPEN MISSION IN SEPTEMBER (REFA).
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